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SUBJECT: ICCS: POLISH PARTICIPATION

1. DURING A MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI ASKED WHETHER I THOUGHT THE SECRETARY WOULD RAISE THE SUBJECT OF THE ICCS WHEN HE MEETS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI DURING THE FORTHCOMING GIEREK VISIT TO THE US. I SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (SAIGON 12117), I WOULD EXPECT THE SECRETARY TO RAISE THE SUBJECT.

2. SPASOWSKI THEN SAID THAT THE POLES HAD BEEN UNDER "GREAT PRESSURE FROM THE HUNGARIANS AND THE NORTH VIET-NAMESE" TO WITHDRAW THEIR PEOPLE FROM THE FIELD TEAMS. THEY HAD BEEN "STRONGLY RESISTING THIS PRESSURE AND INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO RESIST." HE HIMSELF HAD SENT ORDERS TO THE POLISH DELEGATION IN SAIGON TO THE EFFECT THAT "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE POLISH MEMBERS BE WITHDRAWN UNLESS THERE WERE A UNANIMOUS DECISION BY
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ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS TO WITHDRAW" AND "TO MAINTAIN THEIR

PARTICIPATION IN THE FIELD TEAMS AS LONG AS IT WAS AT ALL POSSIBLE." HE SAID THAT THE CESSATION OF PA&E SERVICES AND THE CONTINUING SECURITY PROBLEMS MADE THE SITUATION OF THE FIELD TEAMS "STILL MORE DIFFICULT AND INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS." NEVERTHELESS, THE POLISH DELEGATION HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE FIELD TEAMS, "BECAUSE WE CONSIDER THAT THEIR WITHDRAWAL WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN THE CESSATION OF ALL ACTIVITY BY THE ICCS." FOR THEIR PART, THE POLES WISHED TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THEY COULD NOT, HOWEVER, AFFORD TO PAY THE SUMS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ICCS -- THIS WAS AN OBLIGATION OF THE SIGNATORIES OF THE AGREEMENT -- AND THEY COULD NOT ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THEIR OFFICERS. SHORT OF INCURRING THOSE UNACCEPTABLE COSTS, HOWEVER, THE POLES WISHED TO DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO KEEP THE ICCS IN BEING AND TO FULFILL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBERS.

3. I ASKED SPASOWSKI WHETHER HE SAW ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND THE "PRG" WOULD PAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. HE SAID IT WAS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL THAT THEY WOULD. I SAID I WAS ENCOURAGED TO HEAR THAT THE POLISH MEMBERS OF THE FIELD TEAMS WOULD REMAIN ON STATION AND HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE POLISH POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. I HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT, DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 8, THE SECRETARY BE PREPARED TO STIFFEN THE EXPRESSED POLISH RESOLVE TO MAINTAIN THE ICCS AND TO OUTLINE OUR APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF FINANCING THE ICCS.

5. I TELEPHONED SPASOWSKI THIS MORNING TO TELL HIM OF OUR FOUR-MILLION-DOLLAR EMERGENCY CONTRIBUTION (STATE 210377) AND WILL MAKE A FULL PRESENTATION WHEN I SEE FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI TOMORROW MORNING.
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